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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: BILATERAL CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS

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1. DEPARTMENT3ELIEVES IT DESIRABLE TO AVOID A FORMAL
AGENDA FOR UPCOMING CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO
FACILITATE A USEFUL DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT
RELATIONS AND ISSUES. HOWEVER, SUBJECT MATTER OF TALKS
COULD BE BROKEN DOWN UNDER FOLLOWING THREE HEADINGS:

A. AIR FARES. USDEL WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE
SEVERAL QUESTIONS VENEZUELANS HAVE RAISED REGARDING AIR
FARES, AND WE WOULD HOPE THIS DISCUSSION COULD FOCUS
MORE ON WAYS TO RESOLVE FARE DISPUTES IN FUTURE THAN ON
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DIFFICULTIES IN PAST. USDEL WILL SUGGEST POSSIBLE AMEND-
MENTS OF TARIFF ARTICLE IN BILATERAL.

B. PANAM FLIGHTS BEYOND CARACAS. USDEL WISHES DISCUSS
INTERPRETATION OF 1976 MEMORANDUM AND TO WORK FOR A NEW
SOLUTION IF INTERPRETATION CANNOT BE AGREED.

C. REVIEW OF AIR TRANSPORT RELATIONS IN GENERAL. USDEL WOULD LIKE TO BRIEF VENEZUELANS ON EVOLVING US INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND ON STATUS OF COMPLETED OR PENDING CASES BEFORE CAB WHICH AFFECT OR MAY AFFECT US-VENEZUELAN CIVIL AIR RELATIONS (E.G. RECENT AWARDED OF ALL-CARGO AUTHORITY TO AMERICAN AIRLINES AND AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL). USDEL WOULD WELCOME FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ALL ASPECTS BILATERAL CIVIL AIR RELATIONS.

2. SUGGEST EMBASSY APPRISE VENEZUELANS OF FOREGOING.

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